



June 2023

# The Delano Dispatch

The Official Publication of the Delano Neighborhood Association

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The next meeting of the Delano Neighborhood Association will be on:

**Tuesday, June 20, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.**

at Delano's Diner, 1220 W Douglas.

*Our meetings are always open to the public.*

## June in Delano

Summer is almost upon us! Events are almost becoming too numerous to mention but we will attempt as many as we can each month in your issue of *The Delano Dispatch*.

By the time you're reading this the Wichita Riverfest will have started, many of the events take place right here in Delano which makes for easy attendance. For over 50 years this event marks the official start of summer for us Wichitans!

We've had a slow response to our request of Delano churches and the eating/drinking establishments to participate in sharing their story with us, however we do have a submission shared with us this month by the St Joseph Catholic Church. Delano businesses are the next group we'll be targeting to share their story with us - and hey! - it's free advertising!

June has Flag Day and July has Independence Day - both are great opportunities to proudly fly your flag. Wouldn't it be so nice to see flags flying on all the homes here in Delano?

Thank you!



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**District 3:** position open

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**District 5:** position open

*If you are interested in becoming a Director for your District, please contact any of the Board Officers.*

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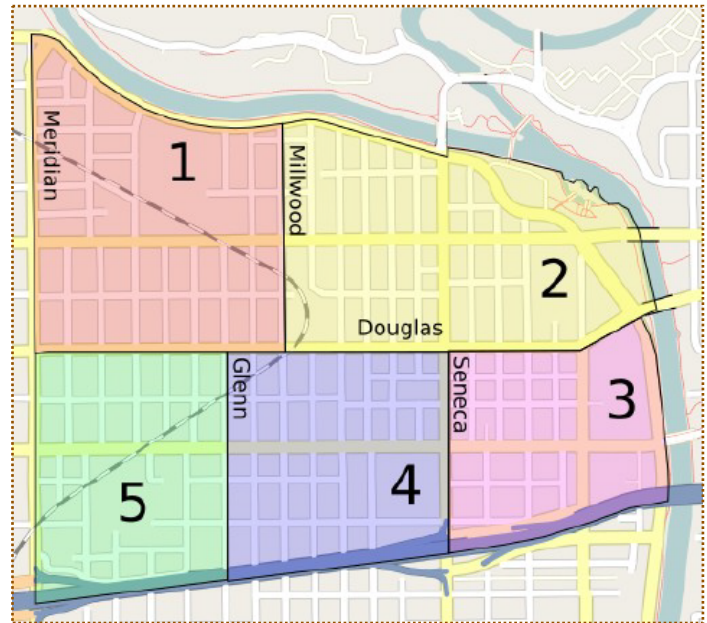
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## June Calendar

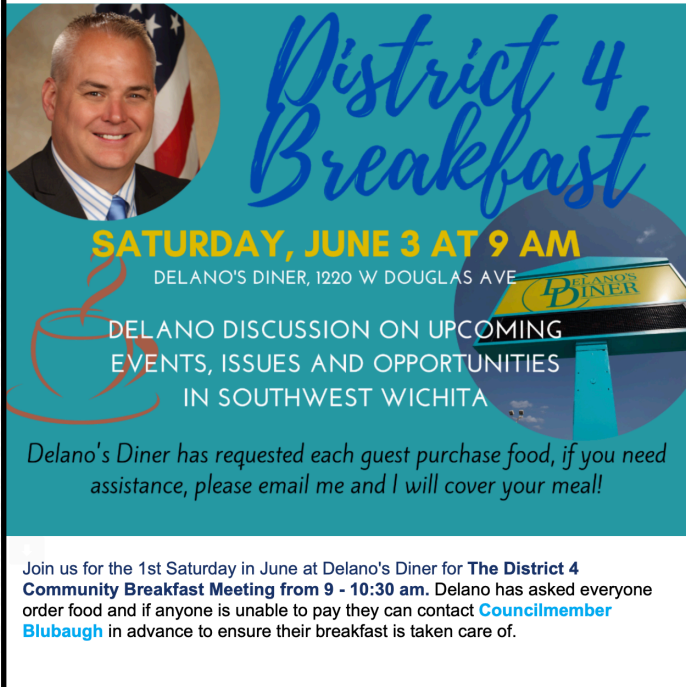
2-10 - 51st Riverfest!  
3 - District 4 Community Breakfast  
14 - Flag Day  
18 - Father's Day  
19 - Juneteenth  
20 - Delano Neighborhood Association Meeting  
21 - First Day of Summer

## June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## A Message from Council Member Jeff Blubaugh:

YOU ARE INVITED - DELANO DISCUSSION



**District 4 Breakfast**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3 AT 9 AM**  
DELANO'S DINER, 1220 W DOUGLAS AVE

DELANO DISCUSSION ON UPCOMING  
EVENTS, ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES  
IN SOUTHWEST WICHITA

*Delano's Diner has requested each guest purchase food, if you need assistance, please email me and I will cover your meal!*

Join us for the 1st Saturday in June at Delano's Diner for **The District 4 Community Breakfast Meeting from 9 - 10:30 am**. Delano has asked everyone order food and if anyone is unable to pay they can contact [Councilmember Blubaugh](#) in advance to ensure their breakfast is taken care of.



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## 2023 Wichita Riverfest June 2-10

Checking out the details of the Riverfest this year by clicking here:

<https://wichitariverfest.com/>

## Would YOU Like To Be A Delano District Director?

We are in need of District Directors for Districts 1, 3, and 5. See map on page 2 showing the boundaries for each District. What's involved? Please read the job description below to determine if you are a good fit.

**“District Directors, Directors live within the district they reside. The Directors are encouraged to get to know the specific needs of their districts and make contact with neighborhood members to learn as much as possible of those needs and specifics. The Director will bring a report of those needs and specifics to the attention of the Executive Board at their next Board Meeting. To enhance the communication process the Director can appoint Block Captains within his/her district. The Block Captains should be relied upon to be the ears and eyes of the Director and should assist in facilitating overall communication within their area. Directors and Block Captains can call for meetings within their area of responsibility to enhance proper communication and the solving of specific issues that can only be remedied at the local level.”**

If interested, please contact our President, Christopher Parisho, his contact info is also shown on page 2 of this newsletter. Thank you.



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## **Learn A Little About: St. Joseph Catholic Church**

The origins of St. Joseph Catholic Church can be traced back to October 16, 1887, when it was dedicated in Wichita, Kansas. At the time, the pastor of St. Aloysius Church, Father Michael J. Casey, led the dedication. St. Aloysius, located in downtown Wichita, struggled to accommodate the influx of Catholic settlers arriving in 1885 and 1886. To alleviate the pressure on St. Aloysius, Father Casey appealed to Bishop of the Diocese of Leavenworth to acquire land at the corner of Burton St. and Millwood Ave. for a new church. Thus, St. Joseph Catholic Church was born.

As the years passed, the congregation of St. Joseph grew steadily, highlighting the need for a larger church. In 1914, Father Healy and the parishioners received permission to build a new, more spacious church. Frank (Frenchie) Juarie, an architect and member of the St. Joseph parish, was entrusted with the design. Much of the work on the new building was completed by the dedicated parishioners themselves. A testament to the past, a life-size crucifix now hangs near the Blessed Mother's altar, serving as a link to the original St. Joseph's church.

The growth of the congregation continued throughout the years. By 1928, St. Joseph's boasted 1,000 dedicated parishioners, yet the church could only accommodate 288 people. Recognizing the need for expansion, plans were set in motion to build a new space. A new foundation was laid, and the sanctuary was relocated. By July 4th of the same year, the church's capacity had increased to 432 seats. The congregation continued to flourish, reaching 375 families by the late 1940s.

In 1967, St. Joseph's congregation reached a milestone with 775 families and 2,200 parishioners. This growth reflected the vibrant spirit and strong sense of community which defines our neighborhood. Today, we can still see the fruits of the dedication and hard work of those who came before us.

Currently, St. Joseph's is led by the esteemed Father Michael Simone. Ordained in the Wichita diocese in 2003, Father Simone brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our community. With a background in business administration, a Bachelor's degree from Pittsburg State University, and a Masters of Divinity degree in theology, Father Simone is a respected figure within our church. He is also the director of the House of Formation, (which is located on our campus in the renovated

rectory and convent) a program for seminarians studying for their undergraduate college formation as part of Newman University's School of Catholic Studies.

St. Joseph Catholic Church offers a range of Mass times to cater to the diverse needs of its parishioners. Every Saturday at 4:00 PM, a Mass is held, and on Sundays, there are four Masses at 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and Latin Mass 6:30 AM and at 11:30 AM.

St. Joseph's has a strong commitment to education. The school associated with the church provides a quality education from Kindergarten to 8th grade, along with a Pre-K program. With a focus on Catholic faith tradition and responsible stewardship, the school aims to educate students who will become respectful servants of humanity.

Throughout the year, St. Joseph's hosts various events that bring the community together. One such event is the annual Parish Dinner, a cherished tradition spanning over 60 years. Held every March, the dinner features German Sausage, a beer garden, and a family game room. In the fall, the Decades of Delano Gala and Auction takes place to benefit the school's programs, allowing the community to come together and support the education of our youth.

The mission of St. Joseph Catholic Church is rooted in its discipleship to Jesus Christ and its commitment to being stewards of our Father's blessings. Through worship, religious education, and acts of love and compassion, the church endeavors to foster the Catholic faith and create a welcoming and inclusive community.

St. Joseph Catholic Church stands as a symbol of faith, unity, and community in our neighborhood. Its history is a testament to the dedication and resilience of its parishioners throughout the years.



*Photo supplied by St. Joseph Catholic Church*



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## Kansas Families Can Visit Exploration Place for Free This Summer

*Enjoy two new exhibits, dome movies and a new live science show*

WICHITA, Kansas — For the third year, Exploration Place is participating in the state's Sunflower Summer program, which means Kansas families can visit for free.

Kansas families with kids in pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade can download the Sunflower Summer app to receive free All-Access Passes for one visit funded through the Kansas state Department of Education to keep learning going over the summer. Sunflower Summer starts May 26 and runs through August 13. All-Access Passes include all permanent exhibits, live science shows, unlimited dome theater movies plus Exploration Place's new summer exhibits, *Circus! Science Under the Big Top* and *Pixel Palace*.

*Circus! Science Under the Big Top* is open May 26 – Sept. 4. The exhibit showcases the science behind the spectacle, and visitors will learn the tricks of the sword swallower, uncover the illusion of the flea circus and discover the psychology of common circus sounds. *Circus* includes two harnessed attractions, which are first come, first served. The High Wire is a 9-foot-tall tightrope, and Elastic Acrobatics gives guests a taste of life as a trapeze artist through bungee cords and a trampoline.

*Pixel Palace*, open May 26 – Oct. 22, featured the advanced technology of motion sensors, touch screens and projection displays to create an immersive game room experiences.

Highlights include:

- **Creature Creator:** Color pictures of unicorns, dragons and fairies and then scan your artwork. Our software transforms your static image into a character in a fantasy world.
- **Everbright:** This wall – a modernized upgrade to the classic Lite-Brite design – consists of hundreds of dials that allow you to explore the full spectrum of color.
- **Quantum Space:** This motion-reactive wall teaches users about kinetic energy as they use their gestures and movements as brushstrokes to create a one-of-a-kind interactive gallery.

Visitors can also enjoy *The Magic of Science*, a new live science show that showcases the wonder of science through seemingly impossible experiments (run time 20 – 30 minutes). Additionally, two films are showing on rotation in The Dome. *Sea Monsters* takes audiences back to the Late Cretaceous, when the sea was dominated by giant marine reptiles (run time 40 minutes). *Kansas: An Immersive Dome Experience* presents the beauty and wonder of the Sunflower State from the unique perspective of a drone (run time 25 minutes)

*Circus! Science Under the Big Top* was developed by the Ontario Science Centre. Locally, the exhibit is sponsored by the Shaw Foundation, Campus Credit Union and Patton Termite & Pest.

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The mission of Exploration Place, Kansas' premier science center, is to inspire a deeper interest in science and technology through creative and fun experiences for all. Exploration Place is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and through 8 p.m. on Thursday evenings. For more information, visit [exploration.org](http://exploration.org).

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# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 18TH  
2023

## FLAG DAY

FLYING THE FLAG  
WITH PRIDE

**June 14th**  
Is the day we commemorate the adoption of the flag  
on the United States on June 14, 1777,  
by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.

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